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*Santo Domingo.* A country with a future. By Otto Schoenrich. (Macmillan company, 1918. 395 p. \$3.00)

The lack of books in English describing Santo Domingo assures the present volume a wide welcome. The sympathetic spirit of the author inspires a confidence that a careful perusal fully justifies. His historical chapters afford a convenient summary of a tangled narrative, whose main outlines are necessary to an understanding of the republic's past and its future. In connection with his historical sketch the author might more frequently have connected his narrative with other parts of Hispanic-America, with Louisiana during the Napoleonic intervention for instance, or with Mexico and South America during the wars of independence. If this part of his work is open to criticism it is because the author makes his account too thoroughly local. The antiquarian will peruse with interest the chapter on "The remains of Columbus," which leads up the conclusion that the sacred relics still rest in Santo Domingo, as the mighty admiral wished.

The greater part of the book is devoted to a general description of the republic's resources, productions and people, their social and political institutions, their commerce and exterior relations. Recent events receive fair attention with little criticism of American intervention, for the author frankly confesses his faith in a continued American protectorate. Numerous illustrations, an excellent map, and frequent statistical tables and lists of officials add to the usefulness of the book.

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*Federal power: its growth and necessity.* By Henry Litchfield West. (New York: George H. Doran company, 1918. 216 p. \$1.50 net)

The author of this volume has long been a close student of public affairs and has contributed to periodicals many articles upon important questions in national government and politics. As might be inferred from the title of this volume, he presents, with admirable conciseness and lucidity of statement, a sympathetic survey of the gradual, and in recent years rapid, expansion of the powers of the national government. He traces in a few bold strokes the early attempts to form a union of the colonies; the circumstances which resulted in the formation of the present union; and the influence of John Marshall, of the civil war, of congressional legislation under the interstate commerce clause, and of the supreme court in the expansion of federal power. Likewise, the growth of the presidency as the "embodiment of federal power" is illustrated by numerous instances in which presidents have been able to shape national policies through their domination of the legislative branch of the government. Federal power as a party issue and, of course, the inevitable